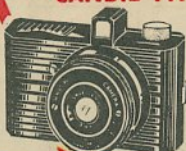


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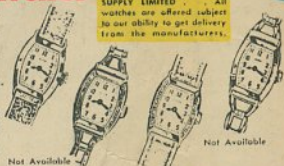
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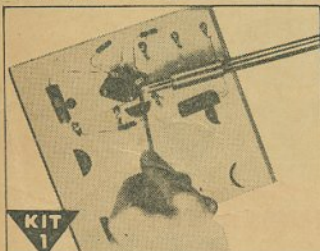


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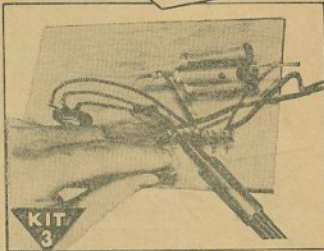
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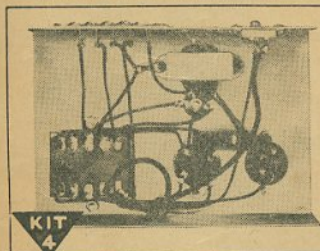
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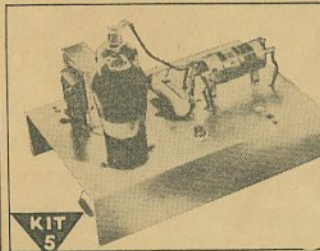
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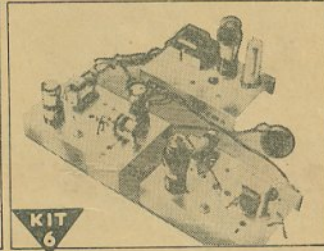
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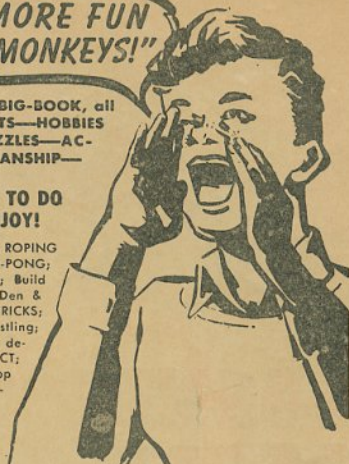


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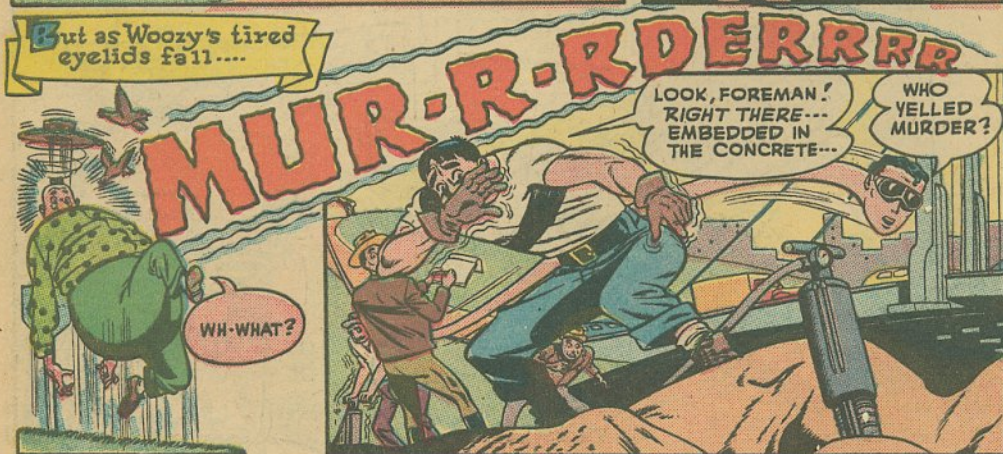
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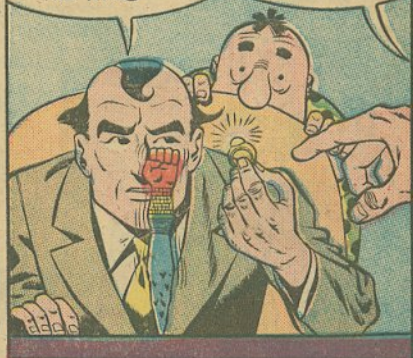
At F.B.I. headquarters...

THE KILLERS DID THEIR WORK WELL, CHIEF! FIRE AT THE CRIME... THEN TWENTY YEARS OF TIME! NO CHANCE OF IDENTIFYING THE FEW REMAINS, AND ONLY THESE TWO METAL OBJECTS COULD BE FOUND!

A FINGER RING AND A DAGGER!

THAT DAGGER IS CERTAINLY UNUSUAL ENOUGH! AS FOR THE RING...

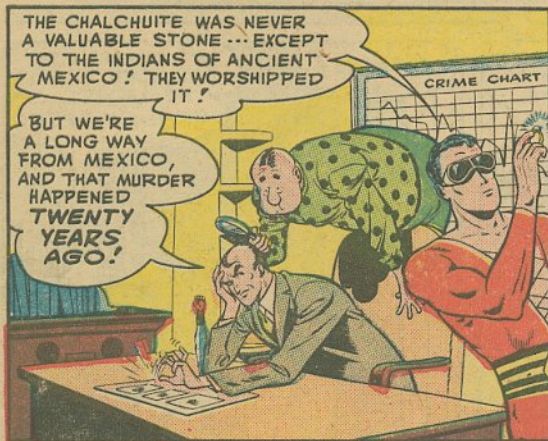
I KNOW THAT STONE! IT'S A CHALCHUIITE!



THE CHALCHUIITE WAS NEVER A VALUABLE STONE... EXCEPT TO THE INDIANS OF ANCIENT MEXICO! THEY WORSHIPPED IT!

BUT WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM MEXICO, AND THAT MURDER HAPPENED TWENTY YEARS AGO!

CRIME CHART



YET I'VE LEARNED THE EXACT DATE WHEN THAT BRIDGE CONCRETE WAS POURED... AND I HAVE CERTAIN HOPES! COME ON, WOOLZY!

IF ANYONE CAN CRACK THIS CASE, IT'S YOU, PLASTIC MAN!



I'M GETTING NAMES OF PEOPLE REPORTED MISSING AT THE TIME THE OLD BRIDGE WAS BUILT!

GOOD IDEA, WOOLZY! LET ME SEE YOUR LIST!

QUIET PLEASE!

SIGN OUT

SECRETS OF OLD MEXICO

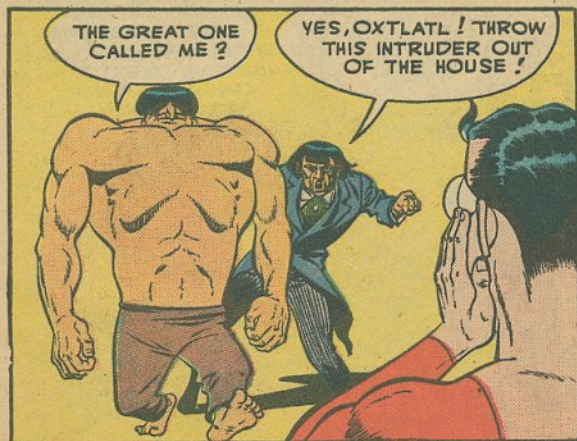


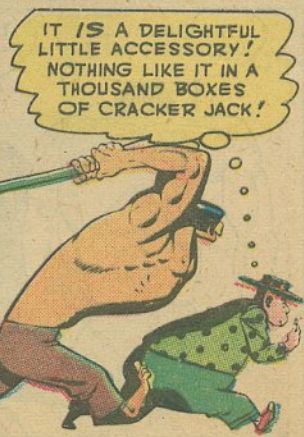
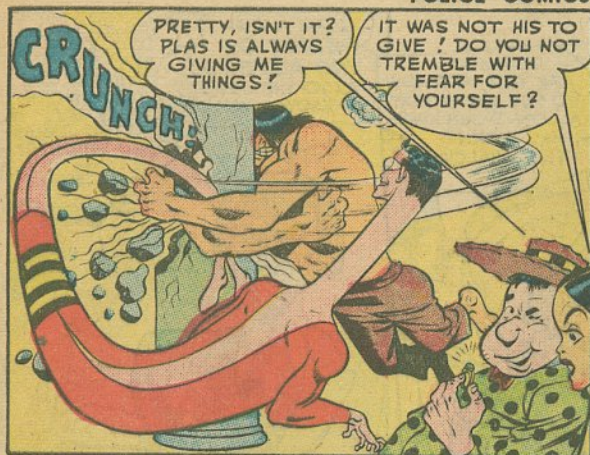
SORRY, BUT EVERY NAME YOU'VE FOUND HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR! I CHECKED BEFORE I LEFT HEADQUARTERS!

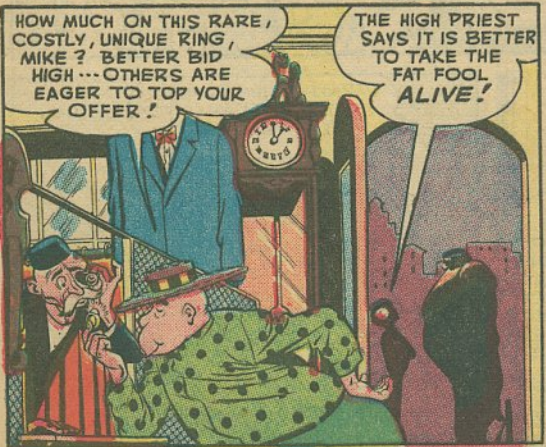
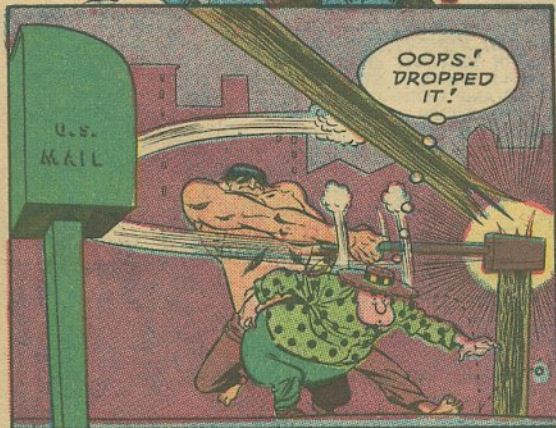
THAT MEANS THE VICTIM WAS SOME STRANGER... HIS DISAPPEARANCE NEVER REPORTED! WHAT KIND OF LEAD DOES THAT LEAVE?

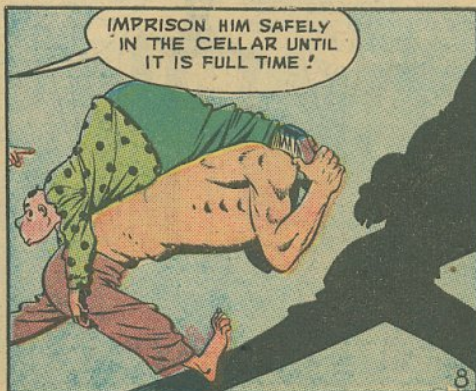


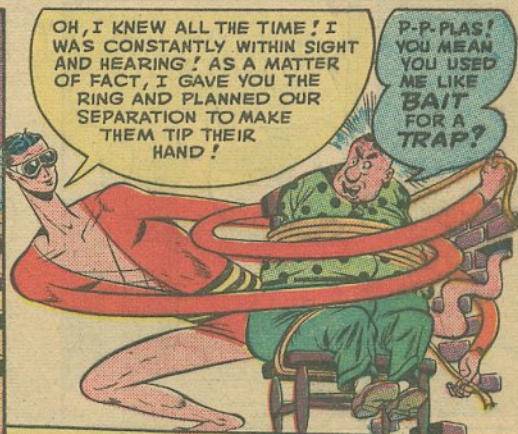


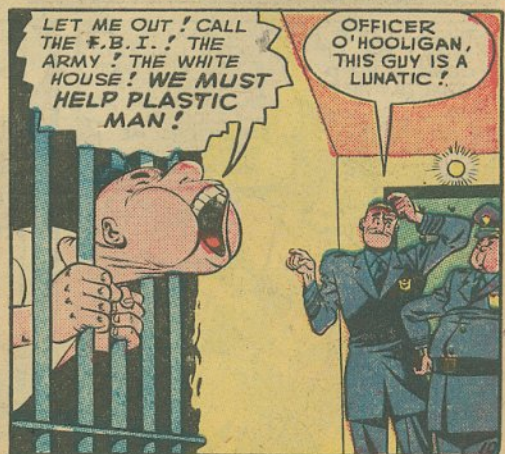
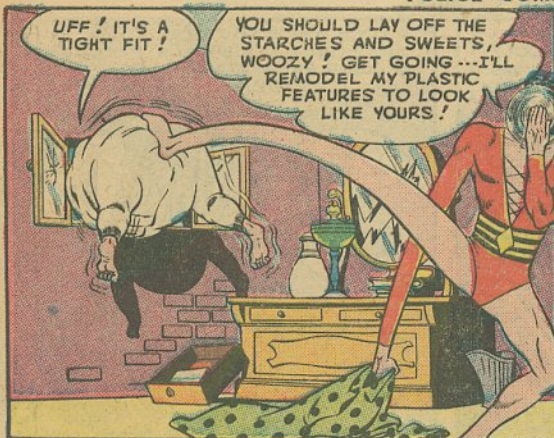












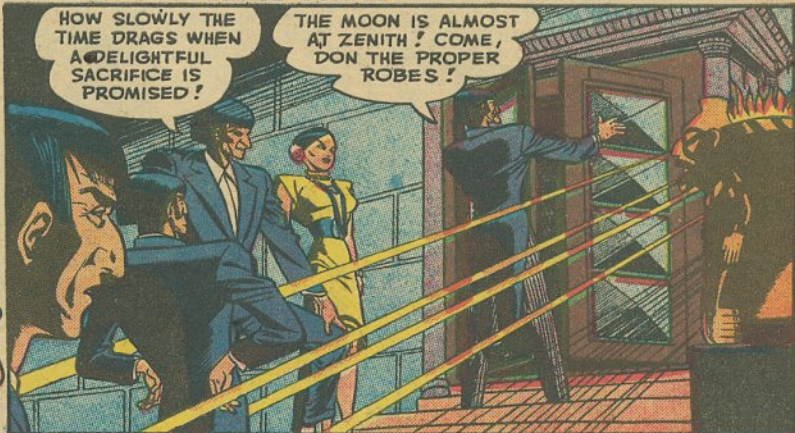
AND

so, we leave
Woody
Winks in
this highly
undignified
situation
and return
to----



HOW SLOWLY THE
TIME DRAGS WHEN
A DELIGHTFUL
SACRIFICE IS
PROMISED!

THE MOON IS ALMOST
AT ZENITH! COME,
DON THE PROPER
ROBES!



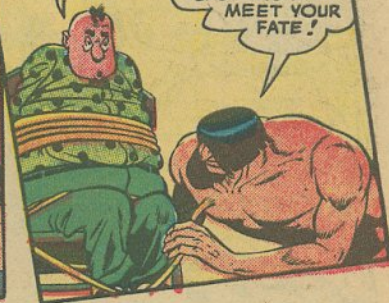
I HAVE ALWAYS
THOUGHT THESE
COSTUMES
BECOMING TO
ME!

OXTLATL, FETCH UP THE
VICTIM! WE WILL
GATHER IN THE
ALTAR CHAMBER!



SO YOU'VE
COME AT LAST!
I'VE BEEN BORED
DOWN HERE!

YOU HAVE
CHANGED YOUR
TUNE... YOU
ARE DEFIANT
AND SNEERING
NOW! COME
UPSTAIRS AND
MEET YOUR
FATE!



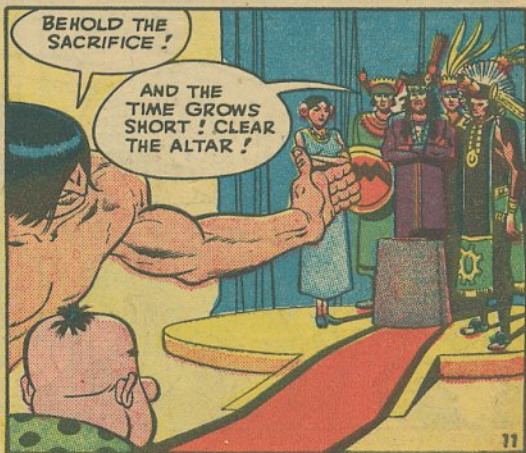
OKAY,
OKAY, BUT
WHAT'S THE
RUSH?

THE MOON REACHES THE
TOP OF THE SKY! YOU
MUST DIE BEFORE
IT DESCENDS!



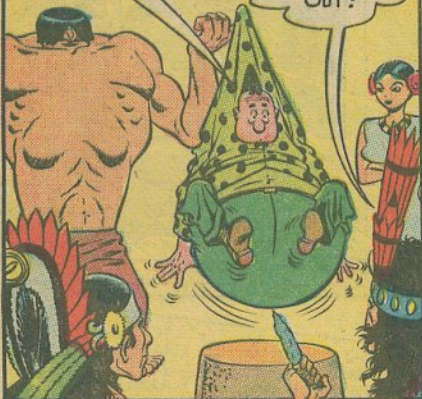
BEHOLD THE
SACRIFICE!

AND THE
TIME GROWS
SHORT! CLEAR
THE ALTAR!



SO THIS IS THE
SACRIFICE
CHAMBER!
DID THE OTHER
WEARER OF
THE RING...

YOU MEAN THE BASE-
BORN TRAITOR,
ITZILXOCHTIL? YES,
WE STABBED HIM TO
THE HEART ON THIS
VERY STONE! SPREAD
THIS VICTIM
OUT!



NOW I'VE HEARD
EVERYTHING ---
HOW IT WAS DONE,
AND WHY!

TAKE THAT
KNOWLEDGE
WITH YOU TO
YOUR CONCRETE
GRAVE!



THEN YOU BURIED
YOUR EVIDENCE
IN THE CEMENT
OF THE OLD
BRIDGE?



JUST AS WE SHALL
BURY YOU IN THE
CEMENT OF THE
NEW BRIDGE!
IT HAS NOT HAD
TIME TO SET! YOU
WILL LIE THERE
FOR MANY YEARS
TO COME!

LET'S PUT AN END
TO THIS FARCE!

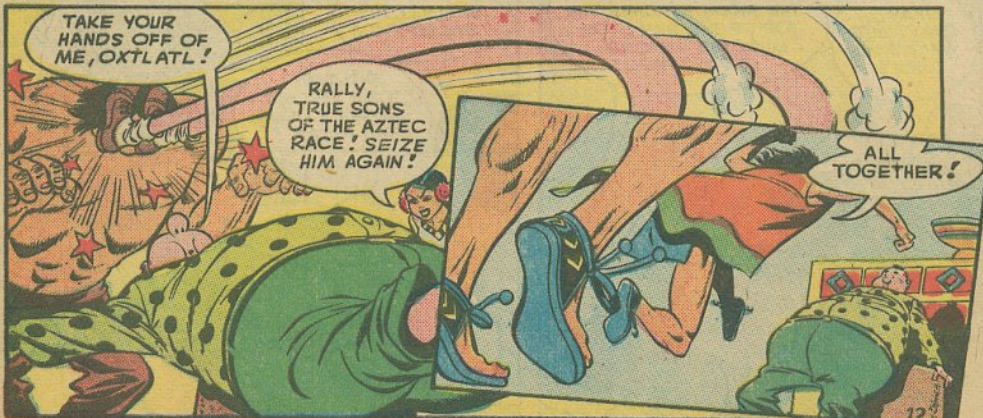
TEN THOUSAND
DEVILS! HE IS
BEWITCHED!



TAKE YOUR
HANDS OFF OF
ME, OXTLATL!

RALLY,
TRUE SONS OF
THE AZTEC
RACE! SEIZE
HIM AGAIN!

ALL
TOGETHER!

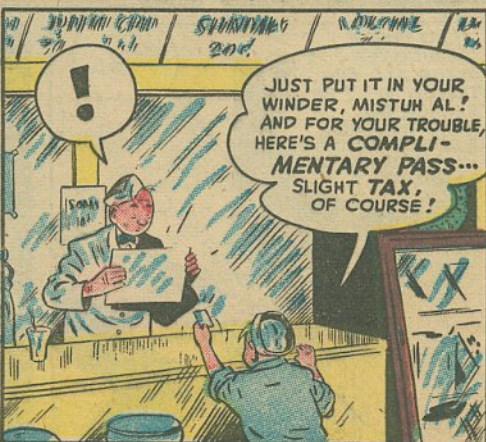
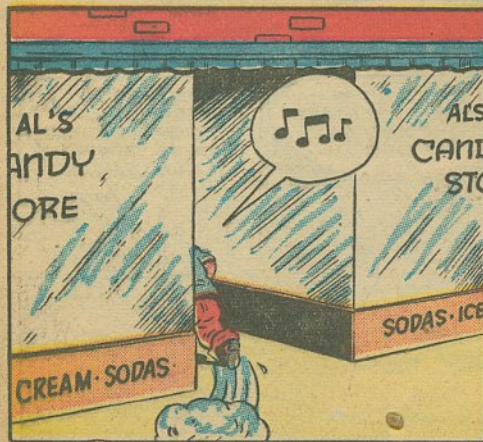
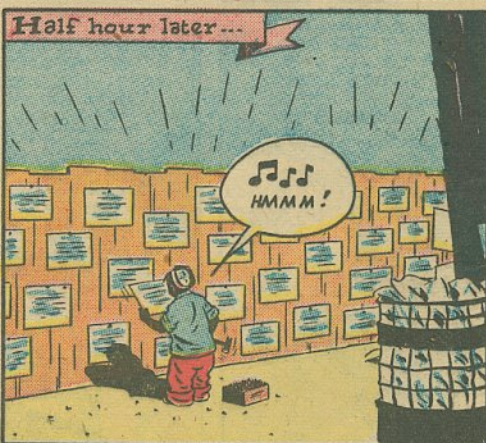
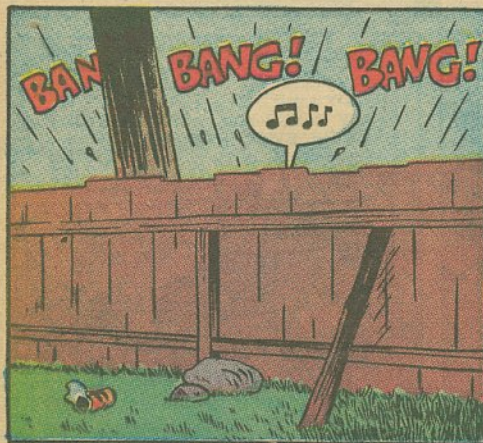








SPECKS



Three hours later...

DRE
VER

OKAY, KNUCKLEHEADS! THE
DOORS AM NOW OPEN!
AND MAKE SURE YOUSE
ALL...

IT'S ABOUT
TIME! YUH'D
THINK WE HAD
NUTHIN ELSE
TO DO!



WIPE YOUR FEET
BEFORE YOUSE ENTER! THIS
SHACK AIN'T YOUR HOME,
YUH KNOW!

YES,
SIR!

HEAVEN
'ELP THE
TOMATER
THAT MARRIES
HIM! EGADS!



LAST JERK SHUT THE DOOR
AFTER HIM! THIS AIN'T NO BARN
YET, YUH KNOW!

THAT'S
YOU, BIRD-
BRAIN!

YOUSE DON'T
HAVE TO TELL ME,
PIGEON-EYES! I
GOT EARS, AIN'T
I?



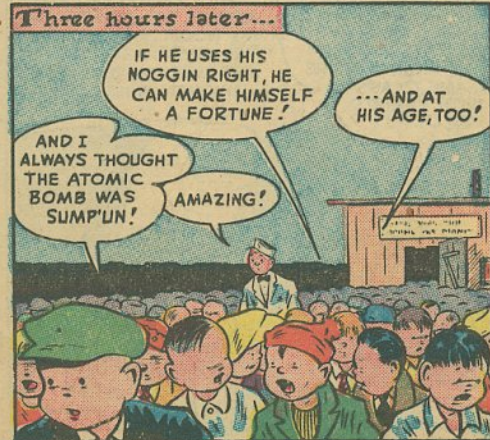
Three hours later...

IF HE USES HIS
NOGGIN RIGHT, HE
CAN MAKE HIMSELF
A FORTUNE!

...AND AT
HIS AGE, TOO!

AND I
ALWAYS THOUGHT
THE ATOMIC
BOMB WAS
SUMP'UN!

AMAZING!



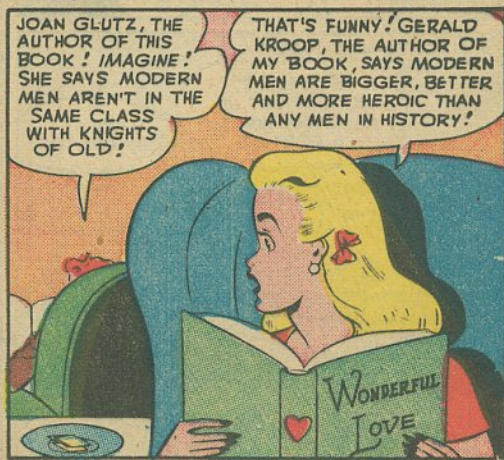
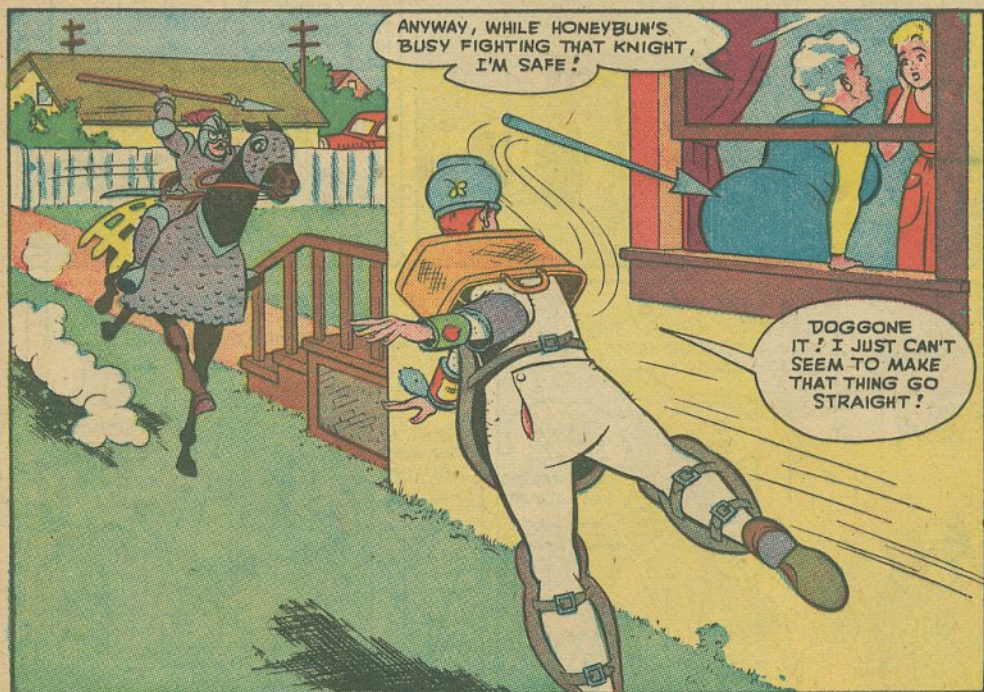
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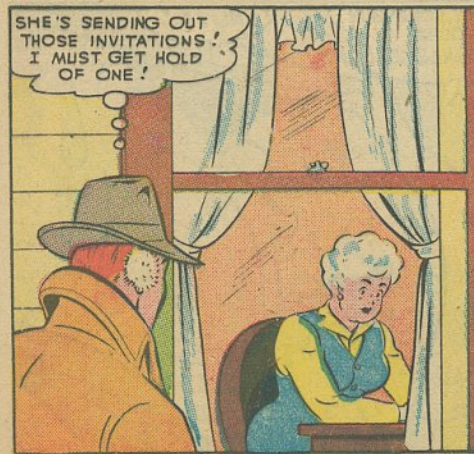
LISSSEN, SCOTTY, I
TELL YOUSE IT'S
THERE! ALL THE
OTHER JERKS SEEN
IT! MAYBE YOUSE
NEED GLASSES!

YOUSE LISSSEN! I PAID
GOOD MONEY, JERKO, AN'
I AIM TO FIND THAT
ONE HAIR ON YOUR
CHEST, IF IT TAKES
ALL ETERNITY!



HONEYBUN







Several days later....

OH, HONEYBUN, THERE GOES GERALD KROOP! I'VE SEEN HIS PICTURE IN THE PAPERS! GOSH, HE'S CUTE! I WISH MOTHER HAD INVITED HIM TO THE LECTURE INSTEAD OF THAT LADY AUTHOR!



HE WILL? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SO?

GULP! I DON'T KNOW! I JUST THOUGHT... WELL... HE'S AN AUTHOR, ISN'T HE? AND AUTHORS ARE LITERARY... AND MOTHER-IN-LAW SAID SHE WAS INVITING LITERARY PEOPLE!



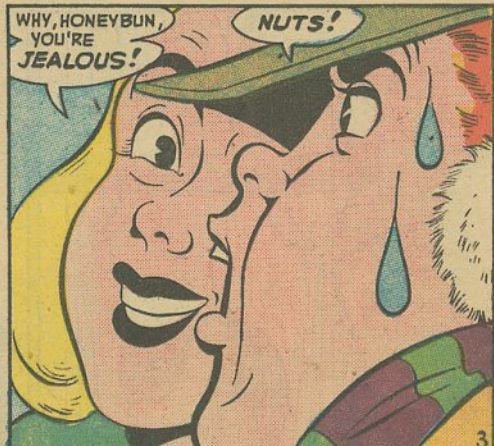
I HOPE SO! HE CERTAINLY IS SWEET!

WHAT'S SO SWEET AND CUTE ABOUT HIM?



WHY, HONEYBUN, YOU'RE JEALOUS!

NUTS!



THE BIG SISSY!
THE LADIES'
MAN!



WHAT AN ANGLE! I'LL KILL
TWO BIRDS WITH ONE
STONE! I'LL SHOW MIGGS
THAT KROOP ISN'T THE
HERO HE PRETENDS TO
BE, AND I'LL SHOW
JOAN GLUTZ THAT I'M
AS GOOD AS ANY OF
HER ANCIENT
KNIGHTS!



IT'LL BE SIMPLE!
KROOP IS BOUND TO
LACE IT INTO GLUTZ WHEN
SHE STARTS TEARING DOWN
MODERN MAN! THEN I GO
TO GLUTZ'S DEFENSE AND
SLAP KROOP DOWN!



GUESS I'LL GO TO MOTHER-
IN-LAW'S LECTURE GROUP,
TOO, MIGGS!

YOU?



WHAT'S AMATTA? AIN'T I
LITERARY? WHY, WHEN I WENT
TO SCHOOL, I KNEW THE FIRST
TEN LINES OF *HIAWATHA*
BY HEART!

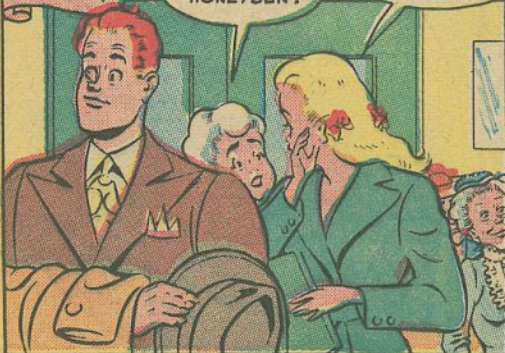
OF COURSE,
YOU ARE,
HONEYBUN! I
JUST THOUGHT
MOTHER MIGHT
WORRY!



As the
lecture
group
meets...

OH, MIGGS, THIS IS
HORRIBLE! I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU WERE
BRINGING
HONEYBUN!

I HAD TO,
MOTHER!
HE INSISTED
ON COMING!



AND NOW,
FRIENDS, MAY
I INTRODUCE
MISS GLUTZ?

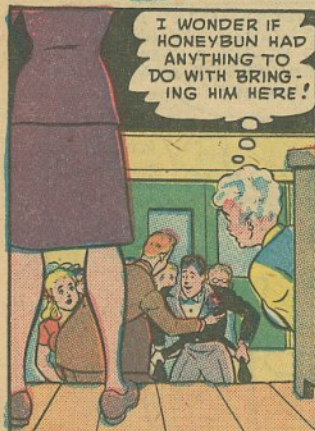




YOU DIDN'T TELL ME GERALD KROOP WOULD BE HERE! DON'T YOU KNOW HE AND I ARE BITTER LITERARY RIVALS?



BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I DIDN'T INVITE HIM! PLEASE DON'T WALK OUT ON US BECAUSE OF SOME MISTAKE!



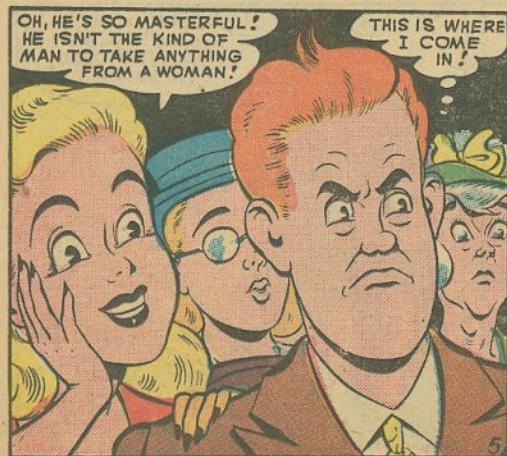
AFTER ALL, WHAT ARE MODERN MEN? WORMS! WEAKLINGS! CADS!



ARE YOU CALLING ME A LIAR?



YES! MODERN MEN COULD HAVE MADE MONKEYS OUT OF THOSE PHONY KNIGHTS OF YOURS IN THEIR GLORIFIED SARDINE CANS!



HOW DARE YOU TALK TO MISS GLUTZ LIKE THAT? YOU'RE NO GENTLEMAN!

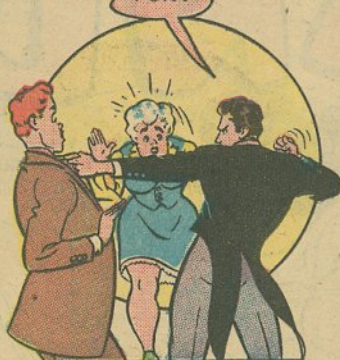


AND I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU EAT YOUR WORDS!

HONEYBUN, STOP IT! I WON'T LET YOU BREAK UP OUR LECTURE THIS WAY!



I CONSIDER YOUR BEHAVIOR UNCALLED FOR!



OOOPS!
SO SORRY!



YOU BEAST!
HOW DARE YOU STRIKE MY MOTHER?

I COULD HAVE TOLD YOU HE WAS THAT KIND OF GUY! ALL THESE PRETTY BOYS ARE ALIKE!

SOCK!



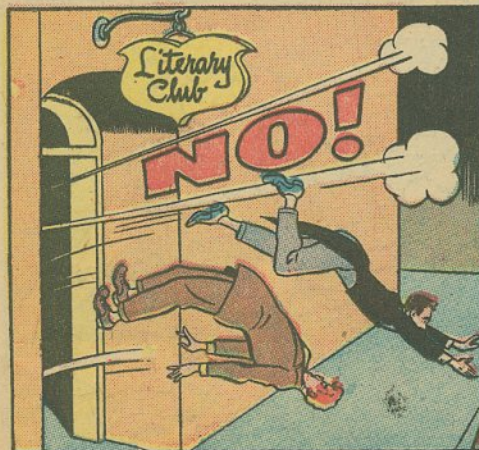
SINCE THIS IS A FREE FOR ALL, I MAY AS WELL...

THERE, LADIES! THAT BEARS OUT WHAT I STARTED TO SAY! THAT'S THE WAY MODERN MEN BEHAVE! SHALL WE TOLERATE IT?



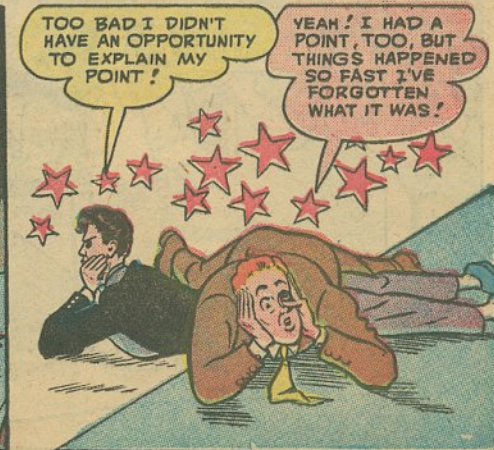
Literary Club

NO!



TOO BAD I DIDN'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN MY POINT!

YEAH! I HAD A POINT, TOO, BUT THINGS HAPPENED SO FAST I'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT WAS!



CANDY



HE'S THE MOST WONDERFUL BOY... PERFECTLY DROOLSOME! WE'VE BEEN WRITING TO EACH OTHER FOR AGES! HE ENCLOSED HIS PICTURE... AND HE'S ARRIVING LATE TOMORROW!

LET'S GLIMPSE THIS WONDER MAN!

MMM... A DREAMBOAT IF I EVER SAW ONE!

OH, TINA? HE IS HANDSOME!



OUR MOTHERS WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AND THEY STARTED US WRITING! MARSHALL IS THE WINNER OF THE NATIONAL THEME CONTEST AND HE'S COMING HERE TO RECEIVE HIS AWARD!

YOU MEAN HE HAS A MIND, TOO?

HE MUST BE A BRILLIANT BOY!

OH, HE IS, TRISH! HIS LETTERS ARE FASCINATING!

HE SAYS "I'M VERY ANXIOUS TO MEET YOU! YOUR LETTERS ARE GREAT AND I'M SURE YOU ARE THE SAME!"



YE-OWW! THAT'S THE GHASTLY PART OF IT! I'M GREAT, ALL RIGHT! GREAT, BIG AND FAT! HOW CAN I FACE HIM? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I EVER REGRETTED BEING FAT! WHAT'LL I EVER DO?

TINA, DON'T TALK LIKE A GARMY! YOU'RE NOT THAT PLUMP!

CANDY'S RIGHT... HE'LL LIKE YOU JUST AS YOU ARE!







Next day...

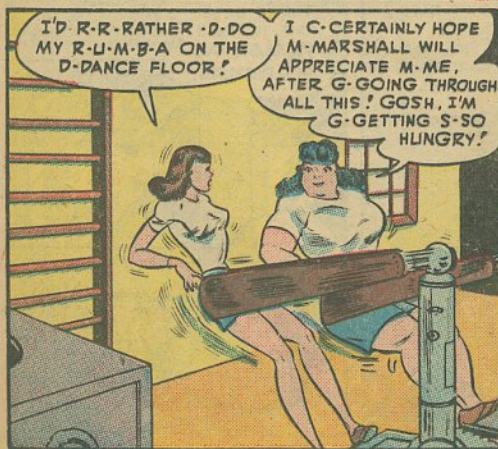
THIS IS PRETTY FRIGHTENING STUFF, CANDY! I'VE HEARD THAT YOU REALLY HAVE TO WORK IN THESE SALONS! I'M NOT VERY ATHLETIC, Y'KNOW!

PERK UP, CHUMPLY! YOU WANT TO BE GORGEOUS FOR MARSHALL, DON'T YOU?



I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE WITH ME! IT WON'T SEEM SO BAD, NOW!

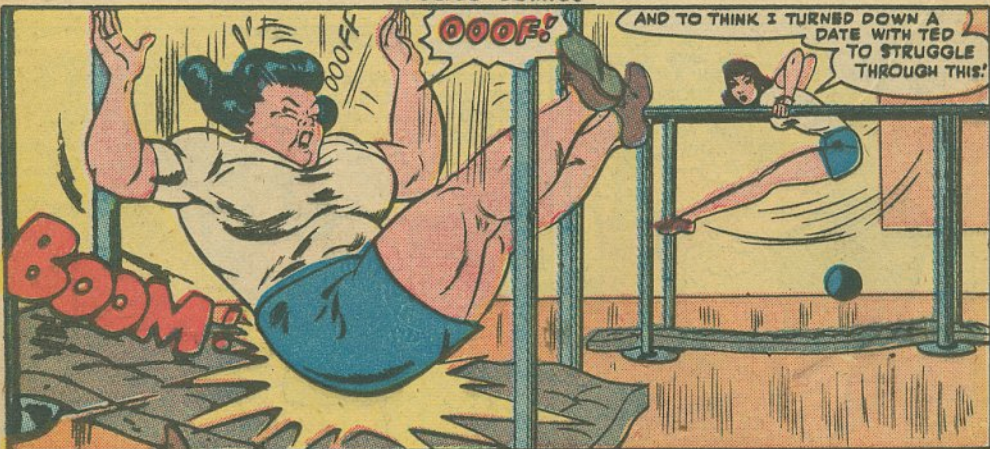
SURE... JUST LIKE A DAY IN THE COUNTRY... EEK!



I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HERE ONLY TO KEEP YOU COMPANY... OW! BUT I'M CERTAINLY TAKING A BEATING ON THIS DEAL! O-OOF!

KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN AND DO NOT SPEAK!

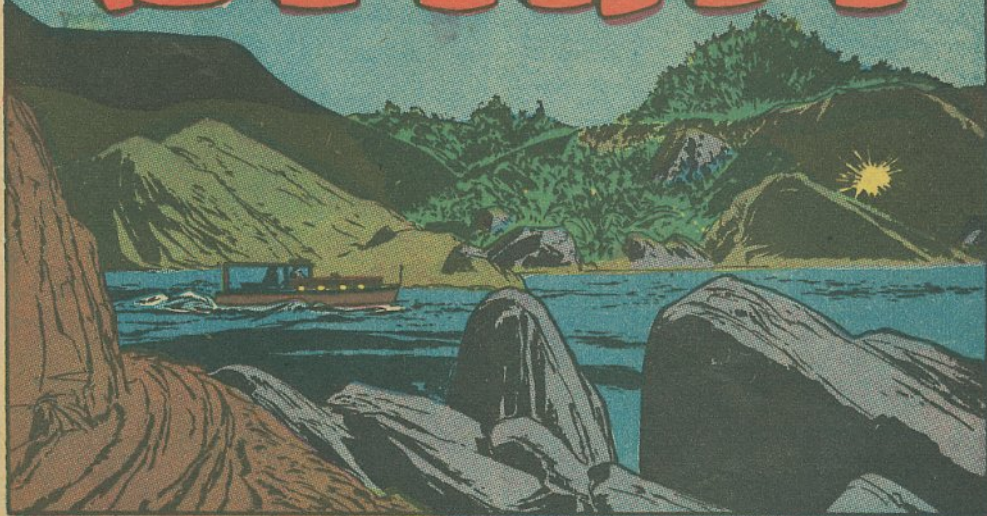








THE SPIRIT



THERE THEY COME!
SCROUNGY LANDLUBBERS
--NEED A **LANTERN**
TO GUIDE THEM IN!



HI, TRITON!
GLAD TO SEE
YOU!

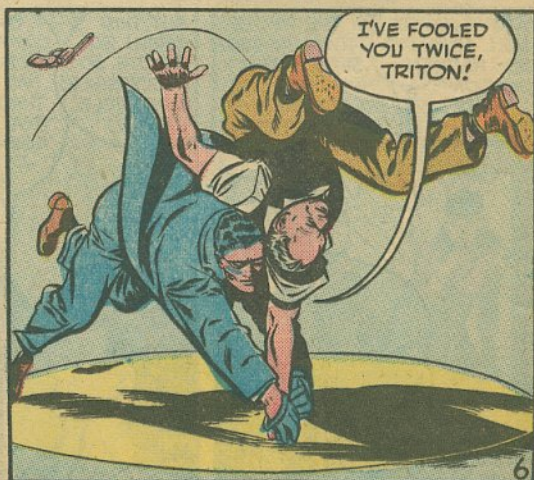
I WONDER IF ANYONE
CAN SAY AS MUCH FOR YOU,
TURNER! DID YOU
BRING THE--LOAD?











YOU'RE A CURSED **GHOST!**
YOU **COULDN'T** LIVE AFTER
BEING SHOT LIKE THAT!

OH, I FELT SURE YOU
HAD A SECRET WAY BACK
IN HERE, AFTER YOU DIVED
OUT SO FREELY! YOU'D
BE SNEAKING IN, SO
I KEPT MY BACK
TURNED---

UNDER MY COAT'S
A BULLET-PROOF
VEST --- ON
BACKWARD!

WHY,
YOU --- !

I'LL
SMASH ---!

BANG!

I THOUGHT I OUGHT
TO CONTRIBUTE
SOMETHING
TO MY OWN
RESCUE!

BRAVO!
A REMARKABLE
YOUNG
LADY!

BUT I WAS
CHEATED!
I HAD **SOME-
THING** COMING
TO ME! I
STILL
HAVE!

RIGHT!
NICE, COZY
QUARTERS IN
THE STATE
PRISON! COME
ALONG!

AH BROUGHT COMMISH'NAH
DOLAN LIKE YOU SAID,
MIST' SPIRIT BOSS!

ON TIME TO
THE DOT, EBONY!
MOVE OVER ---WE
HAVE PASSENGERS
FOR THE RETURN
TRIP!

The SEA SERPENT

THE lagoon lay sparkling in the tropic sun. Tall palms waved along the edges, making a feathery pattern on the white sands. The sky was blue.

Woozy stood on the deck of the little inter-island schooner and watched the approaching shore-line. He felt dreamy.

"Gee, so this is the tropics," he mused. "I've read about it, heard songs about it, but this is the first time I ever saw it. Purty, too."

"Pretty, Woozy. Watch your English."

Woozy turned quickly. "Oh, it's you, Plas!"

Plastic Man joined him at the rail. "Yes, the tropics are beautiful this time of the year. I can see how one becomes soft and sleepy down here."

Woozy chuckled. "Hm, I don't have to be down here to get soft an' sleepy!"

"You're telling me!" Plastic Man laughed. "But listen, Woozy, don't let it get you this time. We're not on a pleasure junket. We're here to trap a thief!"

"I'll get him, never you fear, Plas," said Woozy. "You leave it to me."

When the schooner had warped into the quay, the few passengers got off, stepping gingerly over the rotten bamboo of its construction.

Everything in Banday seemed old. Very old. The little village that lay close to the shore was old, its shacks and tin-covered huts and tiny stores seeming to have been standing many years.

Yet in fact the tin shacks were not so old; it was only the aging process of the sea and the heavy, humid air of the tropics that made them look that way.

A sign said BANDAY EMPORIUM. And toward it Plastic Man and Woozy made their way. An old Chinese stood on the porch, his hands hidden in flowing sleeves. He bowed several times to his guests, showing pale, toothless gums.

Plastic Man held out his hand. "Ah, Woo Yat," he said, smiling. "It's nice to see you."

"Nice to see you too, Plastic Man," said Woo Yat. "I waiting for you, yes."

"The thieves been bothering you lately?"

The Chinese shook his head. "Not time yet. Two weeks mebbe. You stay with me. Have hotel here."

Plastic Man nodded, wondering where the hotel could be hidden. It wasn't apparent anywhere.

"Come, I show you." Woo Yat led the way around his store and along an orchid bordered path through towering palms where numerous little monkeys chirped and played.

Then they came out in a small clearing, and there stood a neat little plank building with a sign reading BANDAY HOTEL.

A very old Chinese came padding up as Plastic Man and Woozy, followed by Woo Yat, entered. He too smiled a toothless smile. He went behind a tiny counter and turned a large lock around. Plastic Man took up a pen and signed the register.

Woo Yat said, "After you get settled in your room, please to come to my store, yes."

Plastic Man nodded, and then they followed the oldest toward a back room. It was clean but small. A window looked directly into the jungle of breadfruit and coco palms.

Woozy looked around and shrugged. Plastic Man washed his face.

"Come on, we'll go over and see Woo Yat."

The Chinese storekeeper was waiting on two tough looking seafaring men at the time they entered. The men were buying tobacco.

"Well, Woo Yat, how's business?" asked one of the men gruffly. "Good as usual?"

"Very bad. Oh, very bad. Times bad."

"I know," chuckled the seaman. "Always bad with you. But all the time you're makin' a fortune in pearls! Come on, Hank."

The men left the store, grinning derisively.

Woo Yat made a wry face. "It's them," he said. "That was Captain Cowley, leader of the thieves. He very bad."

"So," said Plastic Man. That's Cowley. Where are they anchored?"

"Other lagoon," said the Chinese. "Two mile from Banday lagoon."

"And where are your pearl beds?" asked Plastic Man.

"Other side of island. My boy watch, but he sleep too often."

On board the ketch *Gullah*, Capt. Caleb Bonn chuckled as he drank a toast with his mate, Hymie.

"It's gonna be easier than ever to raid the old clunk, Hymie," he said.

"Yeah, but who's the two galoots Yoo Yat's got hangin' around?"

"Who? Them two ginks that come in th' store?" asked Bonn. "Don't let 'em worry you none, Hymie. We'll take care of 'em!"

"That long gazeek," persisted Hymie. "Seems to me I've seen him somewheres."

Capt. Bonn waved a hand. "So what? I tell ya, don't give 'em a thought!"

Woody, very proud of himself, crawled carefully down the sides of the ketch and sneaked off in the darkness. He had caught the entire conversation between Capt. Bonn and his mate. He knew just what they intended. He found Plastic Man and reported the dialogue.

"I figured that's what they intended," said the rubber man. "Well, we'll be prepared for 'em. Now, let's roll in."

After Woody was snoring peacefully, Plastic Man crawled from his bed and left the hotel. The moon was bright and the night was alive with the sounds of the tropics. It was no trek to reach the ketch of the thieves. There was a single light aboard, and he knew that Bonn and Hymie were getting rigged up to make a foray on Woo Yat's beds.

Soon the two put off in a small boat and rowed toward the end of the spit that reached out into the sea forming the lagoon where the *Gullah* was anchored. Plastic Man went cross-country, reaching the beds a few minutes before the men. He hid himself.

Woody for once had fooled Plastic Man. He was being feigning sleep, and when his rubbery pal climbed out of bed, he slipped out after him. So it happened that Woody soon crept to a

hiding place near the pearl beds. He didn't see Plastic Man.

The rowboat carrying Bonn and Hymie came into view, drew over the water near the beds and beached. Woody was crouched in some bushes not far away. He saw Hymie don his helmet and prepare to dive. Capt. Bonn squatted on the shore watching.

"Bonn said, 'You ought to get a basket full first dive, Hymie.'"

Hymie, wearing only shorts and the helmet, let himself into the black water and quickly disappeared.

Hymie carried a powerful electric search-light. On the bottom he turned it on, throwing its beam around the well-known pearl beds. The shell was thick. It would be a great haul.

Hymie set about gathering the crop of shell into his basket. He could only remain under water about a minute and a half, since his helmet used no artificial air. With his basket overflowing, he shot to the surface.

Then Capt. Bonn and he opened a few of the shells. Bonn found the first pearl. "Look!" he cried. "A dozen carats, if it weighs one! What a beauty!"

Something darted from the depths of the lagoon and seized the basket of shell. It disappeared in a flash.

"Wha—" gasped Hymie.

"The devil!" snarled Capt. Bonn, drawing his revolver. "I don't see nothing."

Hymie, with some trepidation, went to the bottom again, without a basket. But he'd only been under a moment when he shot to the surface, shrieking. Something had him by the middle. Hymie screamed.

Then Capt. Bonn—and Woody, too—saw a great writhing serpent in the lagoon. Its mighty folds were thick as a tree trunk. It undulated and lashed the water. Then its gigantic head lifted above the frothy waves. Its mouth opened. "Thieves," it hissed, "go back to your boat and never come here again! I am the sea serpent!" Then the enormous snake vanished.

Shaken, Capt. Bonn and Hymie hurriedly rowed to their ketch. They never came back to steal pearls.

Plastic Man could inflate himself into a likely sea serpent when the occasion demanded.

MANHUNTER



Dan Richards, the policeman on the beat, pays attention to every sign of distress!

WAAAA!
TOPSY... SOME-
BODY STOLE MY
TOPSY!

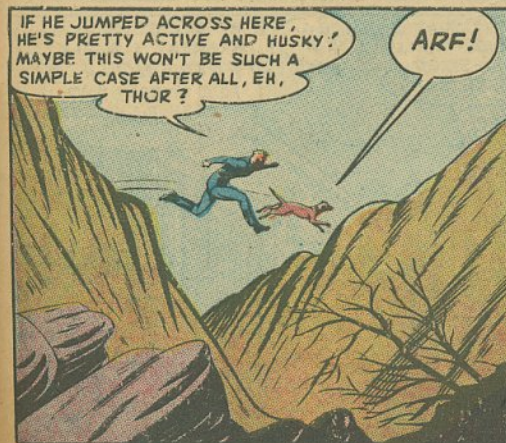
COME HOME WITH NURSIE,
GLORIA! YOUR DADDY WILL
BUY YOU ANOTHER DOG!



I DON'T WANT ANOTHER
DOG... I WANT
TOPSY!

NOW WHY DON'T YOU
STOP CRYING AND
TELL ME WHAT
HAPPENED? MAYBE
I CAN GET YOUR
DOG BACK!







But as Manhunter dives into the dark interior after his friend ...



Later, fighting his way back to consciousness ...

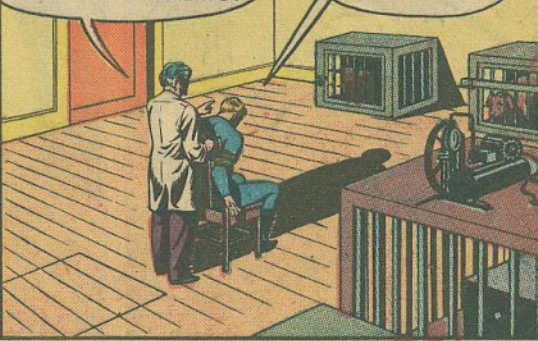
WHAT A FOOL I WAS
TO COME IN SO
CARELESSLY!

AWAKE ? NO USE
TO STRUGGLE !
YOU'RE TIED TO
THAT CHAIR --- AND
YOUR FRIEND, THE
DOG, IS SAFE IN
THAT CAGE
YONDER !



I'VE HAD A NICE HAUL TODAY !
JUST BEFORE BAGGING YOU
TWO, I GRABBED THAT LITTLE
FUZZ-BALL --- PERFECT
FOR MY EXPERIMENTS !

THAT'S TOPSY ! YOU
STOLE HER FROM A
LITTLE GIRL ! YOU
WON'T GET AWAY
WITH THIS !



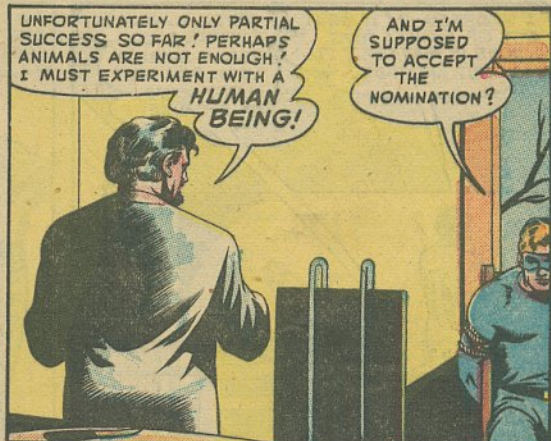
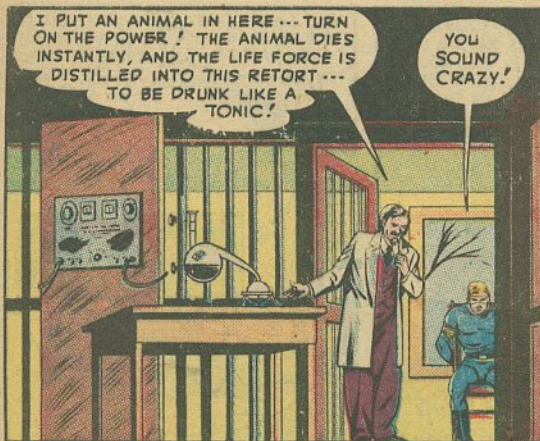
WHY NOT ? YOU WON'T GET HELP
BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS YOU'RE HERE--
YOU SNEAKED UP THROUGH THE BRUSH
WHERE NOBODY COULD WATCH ! BUT
PERMIT ME --- I AM DR. PANZRAK, A
SCIENTIST --- A GREAT SCIENTIST !
THE GREATEST !



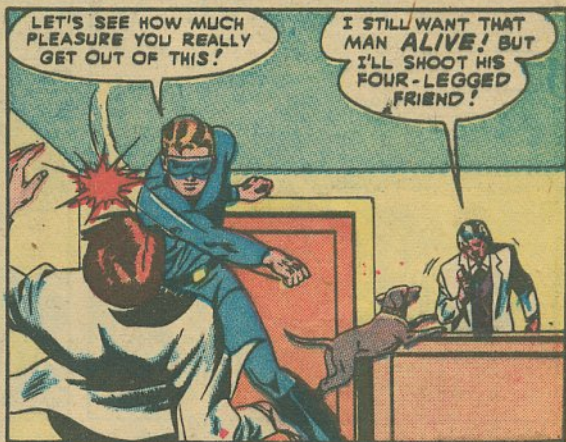
WHAT'S THAT GIMMICK---
A CORN-SHELLER OR A
KING-SIZED
MOUSETRAP ?

MY GREAT TRIUMPH---
WHEREBY I SHALL
PROLONG LIFE
FOR MYSELF AND
THOSE I CHOOSE
TO FAVOR !









I GOT HIM! QUICK! WHILE HE'S HELPLESS--- SMACK HIM!

IT'S PRACTICALLY DONE!



YOW!

NOW, EVEN LITTLE TOPSY'S GETTING INTO THE FRACAS! SHE MUST HAVE LEARNED FROM THOR'S TECHNIQUE!



AND THIS LITTLE TRICK CANCELS THEM BOTH OUT! AND WHEN I SAY OUT---



--- I MEAN OUT! TWO LUGS LIKE YOU AREN'T REALLY HARMFUL! BUT PANZRAK WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH!



SNF!

YOU HAVE HIM TRAPPED IN THERE, THOR?

WRONG! I HAVE YOU TRAPPED OUT THERE!



THIS ACID--- WHEN THE BOTTLE BREAKS, ITS FUMES WILL DESTROY YOU! BUT WHERE ARE YOU?





**Officer Dan Richards returns to
the pair he met earlier...**



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